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## Time to study African-Americans, says BSN

by Shannon Aldinger

McGill's Black Students' Network is demanding that the university establish an African-American history course by next fall and an interdisciplinary Africana studies program within the following year.

BSN President Mariame Kaba believes McGill needs to establish the program if it "wants to remain relevant to the student body it is serving."

BSN hopes an Africana studies program would combine the current interdisciplinary African studies program with a newly created North American Black Studies Program. The North American component would address black contributions to North American society.

According to the group's proposal to the history department, "many schools across the United States and Canada have adopted

Afro-centered curriculums... In this respect, McGill lags far behind most Canadian and American institutions for higher learning."

Kaba argues an Africana studies course is essential for all history majors.

"I think it's necessary for all history students to have full knowledge of the contributions of all racial groups to North American society," Kaba said.

"Black history is currently overlooked. Students may spend a lecture on slavery and two on civil rights. That's just not enough."

According to the proposal, existing courses are inadequate because they relate only to race and racial issues. They also deal mostly with Africa and exclude North America.

"What we want is specific historical contributions of blacks in North America," Kaba said.

The proposal also addresses the low number of professors of colour

at McGill. BSN hopes McGill will hire more black teaching staff, starting with a professor to teach the proposed African-American history course.

"We'd like them to hire a black professor because there are barely any. We want a qualified lecturer. What we don't want is for them to hire a token black just to appease us," Kaba said.

Kaba believes black professors are important to the university because they provide role models to students of colour. She also feels they may provide important insights into course material.

American history professor Leonard Moore recognizes the need to include race relations and black contributions in courses, but believes a separate program of study may not be the best solution.

"There is definitely a need for the subject. I'm just not sure that black history should be isolated into a separate topic area. It is main-

stream and should be an integral part of history courses taught to black and white students," Moore said.

Moore added that he was still new to the department. "It's hard for me to comment on the need for a program," he said.

Kaba thinks an Africana program could be important in reducing the racism which she says is still prevalent on campus.

"It won't eradicate racism entirely, but once someone knows another person's history and contributions to history, it's harder to believe that person is inferior," she said.

The BSN hopes the university will create a Black Studies Committee, combining both faculty and students, to develop the Africana program.

The proposal has been supported by the History Students' Association. It has not yet received feedback from the History department.

If the BSN's proposal is approved by the department, it will be sent to the Faculty of Arts for further consideration. If approved, it will then be channelled to the Academic Priorities and Planning Committee, the University Senate and the Board of Governors.

## Administration's underhanded tactics anger Dentistry students

by Susan Vivian

Dentistry students are accusing the University administration of being unfair, uncollegial and underhanded in the proposed closure of their faculty. The Dentistry Students' Association (DSA) is calling on students to support the "Save McGill Dentistry" campaign, which is fighting the closure.

Tom Rougas, a spokesperson for the DSA, said all McGill students should be concerned about the method by which the proposal was reached.

"An unfair procedure is being established here, which if allowed to proceed unresisted, will set a precedent for any closures or cuts that may be recommended in future," said Rougas.

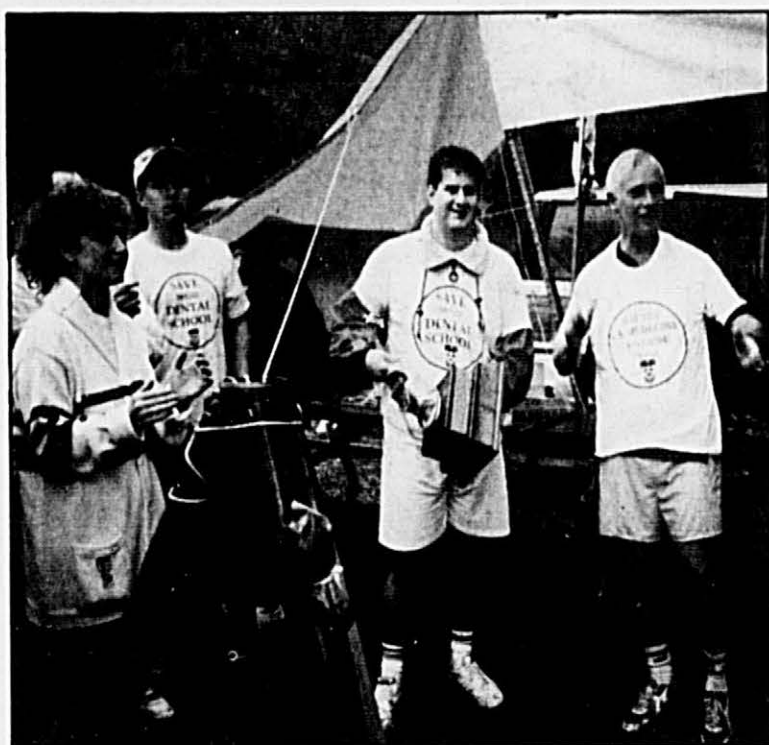
The proposal for closure was made by a work group established last spring to seek means of easing McGill's \$77 million debt. Dentistry students claim to have had no prior knowledge of the possible closure.

"Students have only two months to try and reverse a decision that the work group had a year to arrive at," said Rougas.

However, Sujit Choudhry, a student representative on the Academic Policy Planning Committee (APPC), disagrees with these accusations.

"In 1989, the closure of the dentistry faculty was recommended, although the APPC turned it down in the spring of 1990. In fact, dentistry has been at issue for the last 10 years."

Choudhry said he and Students'



Our beloved principal sporting a 'Save Dentistry' t-shirt. What a ham!

Society will deliberate very carefully on how to vote on the proposal.

"I haven't made up my mind yet and it will be a careful decision taken by Students' Society. No one has made up our minds for us," said Choudhry.

All the committees through which the proposal must pass have student representatives. However, there are not enough student representatives on any of these committees to outvote the representatives of the administration.

While the closure is still at the proposal stage, Rougas said it seems as if the decision has already been made. Rougas claims to have seen a letter notifying notifying the Dean

of Dentistry him of the proposed closure. The letter is worded to suggest the bureaucratic process "will" be completed by December 31st so that plans for closure can be "finalized."

Rougas suspects the University is interested in seeing the closure carried out as fast as possible in order to prevent the "Save McGill Dentistry" campaign from being able to organize and raise \$6 million to finance a new dental clinic.

The fundraising project, coupled with community interest in preserving the faculty's dental services, could potentially conflict with the University's own fundraising plans.

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## Recession forces Montréal women's magazine to fold

by Kristen Hutchinson

*Communiqu'Elles*, a bi-monthly Montréal women's magazine, is no longer printing after sixteen years of publication. It was one of the few remaining feminist magazines in Montréal.

The magazine's primary goal was to provide women with information usually unavailable in the mainstream media. It covered women's health, violence against women, sexuality, women and AIDS, feminist organizations and other issues.

According to Jacquie Manthorne, the magazine's editor-in-chief, financial problems caused *Communiqu'Elles* to go under.

Sales fell during the recession. "Women are the first to be fired," said Manthorne. "In Montréal last November, 18 000 people were laid off. Of them, 17 000 were women."

"When you're worried about having a roof over your head and feeding your kids, you don't buy magazines," added Manthorne.

She also attributed the collapse of the paper to a dramatic fall in advertising rates. "Our advertisers are small businesses and professional women who rely on women as clientele. They were strongly affected by the recession."

The removal of postal subsidies for second-hand mail by Canada Post and the GST on magazines also caused problems. "The government admitted in the past that magazines and newspapers face problems due to the small population of the country and the vast geographical area. They seem to have decided that these conditions no longer exist."

*Communiqu'Elles* is also the name of a publishing house. It puts out a number of titles, in-



cluding the recent *Canadian Women and AIDS*. It publishes the Canadian and Montréal Women's Directories annually.

Many volunteers are upset about the magazine's demise. "We need to salvage the publishing house rather than let the deficit of the magazine take it down," said Manthorne.

Elizabeth Littlejohn of *Hersay*, a women's radio program on CKUT, said that "despite poor production and layout, *Communiqu'Elles* provided a lot of valuable information for women."

Similar sentiments were echoed by Paula Synnowich, one of the editors of *GASP* magazine. "It was unfortunate that it was closing for there are virtually no feminist magazines left in Montréal," she said. "It served as a good information source for women."

*Communiqu'Elles* magazine had six thousand subscribers and published in both French and English. It was widely distributed across Québec and Canada.

Information about *Communiqu'Elles* publications can be attained at Les Editions Communiqu'Elles at 3585 St. Urbain or by calling 844-1761.





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## City claims incinerator not a risk

by Ivy Lam

City Hall's Environment Commission met Thursday to present its report reviewing the city's incinerator, which environmental groups have labelled a health hazard.

At the meeting, Dr. Gaétan Carrier presented his report on the health impacts of the Des Carrières incinerator. The report concluded that health risk is minimal, and residents near the incinerator are only slightly at risk.

"It is impossible to determine what types of cancer are attributable to the incinerator and what types have other causes," said Carrier at the presentation.

The Des Carrières incinerator is Montréal's greatest source of dioxins and furans, which can cause cancer.

Environmental groups are worried about the conclusions that city administrators might draw from the report. According to some environmentalists, the city intends to increase the amount of garbage incinerated at Des Carrières.

"The City of Montréal is proposing to continue with an anti-ecological and uneconomic garbage management strategy," said Michel Séguin of the waste management coalition, Action Ré-buts.

Carrier's report indicates that residents within a five kilometre radius of the incinerator are exposed to only a slightly greater amount of pollutants than residents further away from the incinerator.

However, Séguin points out that since the toxins are carried over long distances by wind, "many people are at risk, and there could be great effects on the environment."

Also, as the toxic ash left over from incineration must be buried in landfills, "incineration clearly can not make garbage disappear."

Jaqueline Mayrand, co-ordinator of the Better Waste Management Committee at McGill's Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) stresses that the city's continued use of incineration will prevent 'reduce, reuse, recycle' programs from flourishing. Because the incinerator must burn a minimal amount of garbage daily to run efficiently, it competes directly with recycling programs.

The Commission intends to discuss the report which will be submitted to city council October 16.

## Planned Engineering field trip to James Bay criticized for overlooking Natives' concerns

by Eric Smiley

Hydro Québec has set the itinerary for a field trip to James Bay this week for McGill civil engineering students. The trip has sparked criticism for down-playing First Nations' concerns about hydro development in the area.

On Wednesday, sixty-five civil engineering students will begin a four-day field trip to La Grande and Radisson dams. The students will study technical aspects of the construction and engineering of the James Bay hydro projects.

The field trip was organized by Construction Colloquium, a group of civil engineering students which organizes field trips annually.

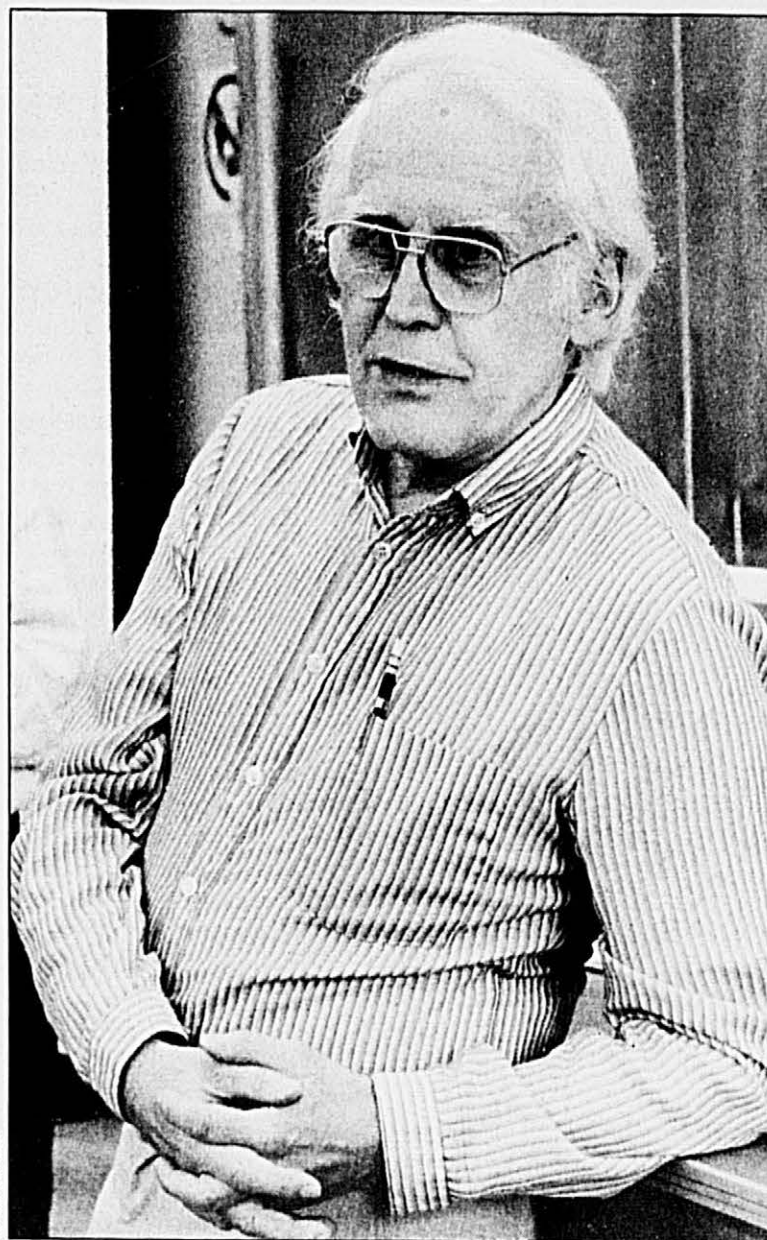
"We are not concerned about any social aspects. We are just interested in the technical aspects," said Marc Dumouchel, an organizer for the Construction Colloquium.

According to Glen Cooper, of The Grand Council of The Cree, "to be uninterested in the social aspects of James Bay is irresponsible."

Of Hydro Québec's willingness to show people around its facilities, Cooper said, "To these visitors it appears as a monument. It is important for engineers to know why we don't consider it a monument. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with these engineers."

Some students said they would like to see a broader approach to the controversial project. "My concern is the Colloquium is purely a technical event," said Art Liem, president of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE).

"I would like to come to McGill to learn the social values. Ideally,



Professor Roger Krohn of McGill's Sociology Department denounced mega-projects such as James Bay in a seminar given last week.

you learn civil engineering because you're concerned with it in a global context," Liem said.

There is disagreement among students as to how much the social

dimension of engineering should be emphasized. "We are here at McGill principally to be technical people," said Dumouchel.

Ethical, social and environmental

concerns are a relatively new addition to the engineering curriculum. This year is the first year that an environmental impact course has been required for a civil engineering degree at McGill.

Peter Tzantrizos, a professor of Chemical Engineering, supports the broader curriculum emerging in engineering. However, he doubts the effectiveness of forcing such courses onto older professors.

"The power structure is still very industrial in its thinking. You can't expect these people to teach you," he said.

Tzantrizos contends that it is the job of the younger generation of engineers to teach these new ideas.

"I completely disagree with the philosophy of being concerned with only technical issues," said Liem. "The CSCE is trying to present a much more open view."

Last Thursday, as a prelude to the James Bay field trip, the CSCE presented a seminar by McGill Sociology professor Roger Krohn on the social and cultural implications of large engineering projects.

"There is no ecological reasoning in the government plans for the James Bay project. There is no effective concern for First Nations. Economic logic is not the key factor — it is political," he said.

Krohn contended that partisan political concerns are forcing these megaprojects onto northern Québec, and said a slower and smaller scale approach would be much more sensible.

Krohn said engineers should seek more say in social aspects of the projects they work on. At present, they are often excluded from such decisions.

## New campus sexual assault centre opens amidst questions

by Anik Hahn

An atmosphere of enthusiasm surrounds the opening of McGill's new student-run Sexual Assault Centre, but some women have reservations about the project.

"We won't be referring anyone to the centre until the [Women's] Union has decided upon its formal stance on the centre," said Suzanne Stein, resource person for the Women's Union.

Stein cited student staffing at the centre as a potential problem.

"You could go for help and be served by someone in your geography class," she said.

Sylvia Dilorio, coordinator of the Centre, does not see any problems with student volunteers staffing the centre.

"All of our staff take an oath of confidentiality," she explained. "If it happens that a staff member has to help someone they know, they will simply pass the individual to another staff member."

Dilorio stressed that students handling crisis-intervention situa-

tions will be trained by the Montréal Assault Prevention Centre.

"Group support will be lead by professionals, that is, students with their masters in social work or psychology," she said.

Stein questioned whether the centre provided adequate privacy. She also expressed concern that without 24-hour hotline service, the centre will be unable to serve its purpose completely.

According to Stein "It is essential for the Women's Union to be skeptical in order to fulfill its responsibility to women."

Delorio cited lack of funds and space as the main reasons for the Centre's shortcomings.

"We will make it as private as possible. The back of the office has dividers, and will be used for people requiring privacy," Dilorio said.

Although the situation is not ideal, Dilorio feels that the centre is doing its best, given the constraints of limited budget and limited space.

"We would love to be a 24-hour service," she said. "Maybe next year. At present, the Centre is trying to

arrange to be open one evening a week."

An earlier controversy over the political stance of the centre has already been resolved. The Centre's constitution originally contained a clause which made it officially non-political. But Dilorio says the clause is being rewritten.

"The non-political clause was a misunderstanding," says Dilorio "By 'non-political' we meant we wanted to be open to all student groups."

According to Dilorio, a lot of the controversy is due to a lack of communication between the centre and other women's groups. Ideally, she sees the centre working as a complement to Walksafe, the Women's Union, and the Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

"If we communicate, I can see collaborating with the Centre on certain events," says Kelly Dobbin, one of the co-ordinators of the Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

And Stein emphasized that "its presence means a lot. The centre shows us that sexual assaults are not just isolated events."

"The centre is a huge step forward," Dilorio said. "It means that as a community we can no longer ignore the fact that sexual assault exists on campus. No longer can we sweep the issue under the carpet."

The centre is headed by a six-person commission, and staffed by trained volunteers. The center offers a wide range of services, including a sexual assault legal program, support groups for survivors, information and prevention seminars, a resource centre, medical information referrals, and accompaniment to the hospital, police, and court. Funding comes partly from Students' Society and fundraising.

The centre wants to help draft a sexual harassment policy for McGill this year. It also plans to fight for reinstatement of the Rape Shield Law.

"The centre is open to suggestions to improve, open to critique and new projects," Dilorio said.

McSAC is located in room 410 of the Union building, and its hours are Monday to Friday, 10:00-4:00.



# THE MCGILL DAILY

## COMMENT

### Fa la la la la

Twice the night before the Constitutional Blueprint,  
the Commons slept freely,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even Glen Kealey;  
The stenographers were summoned from Personnel with care,  
In hopes that George Bush soon would be there.

The MPs were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of kickbacks danced in their heads;  
And Mulroney with his bottle, and Kemping with his crap,  
Had just settled down for a long Tory's nap;

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
The PM rose in a stupor to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window he swayed like a pup,  
He opened the shutters and promptly threw up.

When, what did his blurry vision reveal  
But a large helicopter, and the President's seal,  
With a thin-lipped driver, cruel at first blush,  
Brian knew in a moment it must be George Bush.

More rapid than eagles Bush jogged down the path,  
He whistled and shouted and his henchmen came fast:  
Now, Quayle! now, Helms! now, Schwarzkopf! now, Greenspan!  
Now, Friedman! now, Baker! now, Gates! now, Abrams!

So up to the Welcome Mat the Yankees they flew,  
With great plans for Canada, and Mexico, too.  
And then down below Brian heard quite a din  
As the Americans gleefully kicked the door in.

They spoke not a word, but went through the door,  
And sat themselves down like they'd been there before,  
And the preppy George Bush, tanned from golfing all day,  
Said: "The Constitution's easy; just do just what we say."

And as Brian made sure the stenographers got it right,  
George Bush gave a wink, and sprang into the night;  
But before he flew south, he let out a hurrah:  
"Happy constitution to all, and have a nice day!"  
Alex Roslin  
Fiona McCaw

## LETTERS

### Paternalism or Solidarity?

To the Daily:

So the Nation of Islam apologist Leena Cocker finds it inappropriate and paternalistic for white activists to criticize the Nation's vicious sexism and heterosexism, does she? Well, this is one gay man (white skin and all) who needs no one's permission to slam heterosexism no matter what gutter it spews out and no matter what guise it presents itself under. It's all the same murderous shit no matter who vomits it up (mixed metaphors a specialty). Or didn't you know that blacks gay-bash blacks (and whites) too, and the Nation helps to spawn the climate that promotes it? Or that blacks get AIDS too, and that silence equals death in black as well as white?

It is literally a matter of life and death for gays and lesbians of all colours to join together against rac-

ism in all communities and heterosexism in all communities. Sound paternalistic? The harshest critics of the sexism and heterosexism of some black groups have always been black people themselves (reading list available on request). All we as white activists are doing is showing support, especially in the face of white pseudo-radicals (many of them in and around the *Daily* itself — remember those fans of that disgustingly heterosexist "Fear of a Black Planet" person?) who want to cover the Nation's ass and are prepared to silence black gays and lesbians to do it.

It's not paternalism, it's solidarity.

Daron Westman  
PhD 6 or 7 or 8 (somewhere in there)

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### To Tavenas

To the Daily:

Open letter to Dr François Tavenas, VP and Chair for the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition Fees.

Thank you for your response to my memorandum dated July 23, 1991 requesting "...a meeting at the earliest possible opportunity." Unfortunately, I have yet to hear from you on this matter.

I am writing to you again to request a meeting of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition Fees in order to ratify the Report of the Work-Study prepared by Student Services. I feel it is important to do so in order to gain early formal approval from both Senate and Board of Governors to make sure that the Work-Study program is in place by January 1992. The Work-Study program is one of the vital elements which will put into practice the policy of Senate on "making sure that no student at McGill is deprived of an education" after the recent increases in tuition fees.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Eric Darier

Representative of Post Graduate Students' Society to the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition Fees.

### Short critique of Patriarchy

To the Daily:

In response to Bharat Patel's letter questioning the necessity of feminism, September 16.

I am not surprised that there is usually a great amount of patriarchal ideology in your paper. I am surprised, however, that there is hardly ever any criticism of patriarchy or any attempt to understand it. So please permit me to provide the reader with a necessarily short and incomplete critique of patriarchy.

Of most significance, one should realize that patriarchy is essentially a pragmatic system. In its earlier existence, it helped men win rights previously denied to them. However, at present, the necessity of the system is questionable. Despite this, patriarchy shows no signs of weakening. One reason for its continued strength is that it provides men with a distinctive advantage in our very competitive society. The system of patriarchal patronage and support makes patriarchy alluring. This is also the reason why most men do not publicly criticize the system or its related ideologies (e.g. capitalism).

Also of considerable importance is the psychological satisfaction

derived from patriarchal ideology. The various patriarchal organizations provide the men with a sense of importance and purpose in their lives. Furthermore, there is a psychological satisfaction in considering oneself a victor. It justifies one's sense of moral superiority as well as providing a mantle against criticism.

I encourage readers to reply to this letter, but I sincerely hope that patriarchs will re-examine their position in light of my argument. I also believe that criticism of patriarchy in the context of debate will ask one to realize her/his ideological limitations.

Does this letter sound naive, patronizing, poorly informed? Imagine my feelings on reading Bharat Patel's letter to the *Daily* of Sept. 16, which purports to be a critique of feminism. I have replaced the word 'feminism' with 'patriarchy', and with very minor changes, copied Patel's letter verbatim.

Ina Rimpau  
M. LIS. I

### Human rights

To the Daily:

I apologize to Omar Sartawi for my ignorance of the nuances of the English language pertaining to Arab states and countries.

My friend, you seem to have missed my point. I know Israel is capable of crime and injustice. I criticize Israel if I think it justified. But, what annoys me is when Israel is held to a much stricter standard than Arab countries in the Middle East. Many Arab states commit, on a regular basis, large violations of human rights, in many instances more so than Israel, and get away with it without criticism, condemnation and boycotts that Israel has to face.

You yourself, Mr Sartawi, are an example of this by your lack of comment on the lack of democracy and human rights in Libya, Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran et al.

Emmanuel Chomski  
U1 Chemistry

### SSMU too PC?

To the Daily:

I would like to make some comments on the McGill Student Handbook, which SSMU has been providing for free to students around the McGill campus. As a new student at McGill, I have found the Handbook quite helpful. I note, for instance, 18 pages listing various clubs and causes on campus (pp. 15-32).

I also note, however, that one cause, namely GALOM and 'same-sex love,' warrants nine pages to itself. On a pluralist campus such as McGill, it is of course fully appropriate that GALOM's causes be included, but surely SSMU does not have to be so blatantly 'politically correct.' Are not other causes, such as Friends of First Nations, Access McGill, Black Students' Network, the Literacy Council, and so forth, just as deserving as GALOM and 'same-sex love'? On a pluralist campus, the answer is of course 'Yes' — but I suspect that GALOM's cause receives so much more attention in the handbook because the numerous other causes on campus are not as currently politically correct. There are lots of deserving causes out there, so let's hope SSMU shows greater balance in the future.

Chris Barrigar  
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### Don't believe it

To the Daily

Don't believe the hype!

All right fine I don't. Who can I believe? I don't believe the corporate greed heads. I don't believe the government or is that the same thing? I don't believe the activist who says everything will be all right if we do this...

I don't believe flesh-eating men and I don't believe vegetarian women. I don't believe the international socialists — what ever are they? I don't believe feminists have no sense of humour, but I don't believe they are always right. I would like to believe in God, but I can't.

I don't believe the Arabs, and I don't believe the Jews. Arafat and Shamir are the same man. Notice they never appear together. And they are both short. But don't take my word for it.

I don't believe Bush is a great prez but he is better than Reagan. I mean he doesn't have to be in bed at 8:00.

I don't believe western democracy has been a great success, but I don't believe it has been a total failure either.

I don't believe in wealth for its own sake; however I don't believe being rich makes you evil. Well, maybe a little but I'm getting better.

What can I believe in?

How about David Suzuki?

I know David is a him, not a what, but you know what I mean. I'll get a blue box and put my paper in it, I'll buy green products, and hope. Here we go David. Don't let me down!

Pierre J. Rouge  
Drama U4

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# Kiosk staffing will eat up another 19 grand

by Peter Clibbon

Students' Society spent over \$11 000 last year staffing the Union Building's info-kiosk and will spend approximately \$8 000 more this year, causing some students to criticize the Society's spending priorities.

"I think it's odd Students' Society channels so much funding towards the kiosk and then cuts funding to Arts and Science's academic peer counselling. Where exactly are their priorities?" said Arts rep. to Council Chantal Thomas.

But according to Students' Society executive member Alex Johnston, the sums spent on staffing the kiosk are worth it, considering the number of people assisted.

"During the last five weeks, it has been tremendously useful in

answering people's basic questions. It takes the heat off the SSMU desk" said Johnson.

However, the funding for kiosk personnel has raised questions about whether members of student council should be working the kiosk as part of their mandate.

"One of this year's executive's big things is to get in touch with more students. I don't see why they can't get councillors to volunteer," said Thomas.

According to VP External Karla MacDonald, a member of last year's Council, the hired student staff was intended to be supplemented by councillors, executive members and Students' Society desk staff. However, a motion requiring student executives to staff the kiosk was defeated after then-Students' Society president Kate Morrissey objected, said MacDonald.

"To staff their offices and the

kiosk would have been too hard on executive members. They would be too busy at the kiosk with their

office affairs to discuss with new students," said MacDonald.

Student Council briefly dis-

cussed mandating councillors to staff the kiosk this year. According to MacDonald, however, the mandate of council members can only be altered by faculty associations and not by Students' Society.

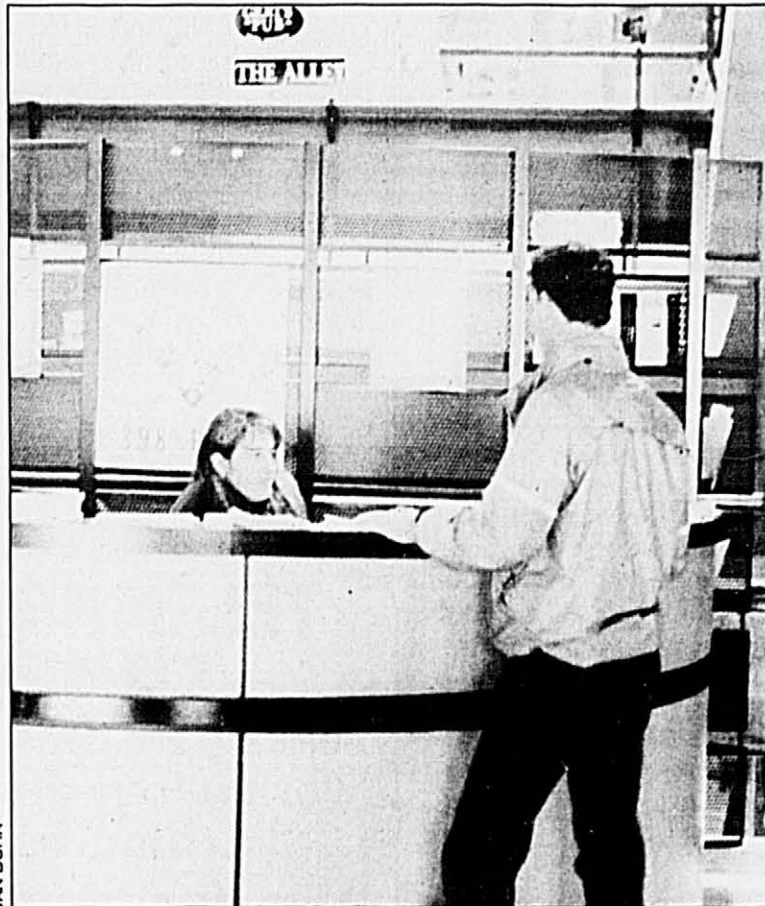
"Councillors must sit on at least one committee and regularly attend council meetings, but we can't force councillors to staff the kiosk, by my knowledge," said MacDonald.

Instead, student councillors and executive members were only informally requested last year to staff the kiosk. However, only executive members staffed the kiosk and only during the first weeks of the semester, said MacDonald.

This year, members of the new executive members also staffed the kiosk during orientation week.

Although the number of hours personnel are working at the kiosk has dropped by fourteen this year, councillors have not yet been asked to work at the kiosk. But, according to Johnston, the request is forthcoming.

The controversial info-kiosk was a project of last year's Students' Society executive which caused some students to protest when its construction cost was revealed to be \$24 000.



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## Court rules MACES' trusteeship illegal

by Penny Buckley

McGill's trusteeship over the Continuing Education Students' Society was declared illegal in a court decision last June.

McGill had challenged MACES' status as an accredited student organization in court. The judgement recognized MACES' status and required the university to relinquish control of MACES' funds.

"The result of the judgement is that the university is now having to rethink its attitude toward student groups," according to former MACES president and executive director Jim Osbourne. "It is being forced to recognize accredited groups, something it was previously unwilling to do."

Accreditation allows a student association to run its own administration and to deal with the government directly. The accreditation law requires universities to collect and give student associations their student fees within 30 days of registration.

The conflict between MACES and McGill developed over the past few years. According to Osbourne, McGill made several attempts to control MACES. When MACES dismissed an employee found opening confidential mail, McGill tried to impose a trusteeship on the student group, Osbourne said. MACES officials refused to recognize the trusteeship.

Under the trusteeship, MACES finances were controlled by the University. Osbourne said that not only was McGill withholding MACES money, but was also charging a number of non-related items, such as oxygen tanks, to MACES accounts.

MACES became accredited in

an effort to force McGill to end its trusteeship and return MACES' funds.

McGill then challenged MACES' accredited status, claiming that there was a precedent for the university to intervene in the affairs of its students' groups.

"No one at MACES wanted a court settlement, but at the same time we were sure that should the matter get taken to court, we would win," said Osbourne.

The verdict required McGill to return \$77,000 of MACES' assets.

The accreditation suit was the last in a series of conflicts. Early in 1991, McGill ordered MACES to close its recreational Peel St. bar after complaints about noise.

MACES refused to close the bar, and kept the doors open while McGill unsuccessfully challenged the bar's liquor license.

In February 1991, McGill threatened to evict MACES after MACES refused to close the bar. The eviction threat was later dropped.

"McGill can't terminate the lease, and they know it," Osbourne said. MACES is a part owner of its building and is currently in the process of buying off a mortgage.

The judgement will probably affect other student groups on campus.

Accreditation is now becoming more common among student societies. In March, 1991, the Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) became the first McGill undergraduate society to become accredited. Students' Society has also been discussing accreditation during the past two years.

"Our advice to other student groups is to be careful and not to be bulldozed into anything," Osbourne stated.

## DCM chooses Godley for By-election

by Rick Savone

Claudette Godley has been chosen by the Democratic Coalition of Montréal as a candidate for the Notre Dame de Grace by-election scheduled for November 3.

On Thursday, Godley beat out human rights activist Maria Peluso at a meeting of over a hundred DCM supporters.

"People in this district feel that too many decisions are being made at the top. Claudette will be an extra voice for the people—the real decision makers," said Sam Boskey, DCM member for Décarie and opposition leader at city hall.

The vacancy in NDG was created by the retirement of long-time councillor Michael Fainstat, an in-

fluential member of the ruling Montréal Citizens Movement party.

Godley outlined the major issues of the campaign: the record of the MCM administration and its inaction on the neighbourhood's pressing social issues. She mentioned reductions in bus services and the MCM's slowness in reforming the city apparatus concerning visible minorities.

"Costs for Montréal's [350th] birthday party next year are growing increasingly, while local services are paying the price," said Boskey.

The south-western neighbourhood of NDG contains many different ethnic communities. Also, NDG depends on many of the city's social services because of the neighborhood's high incidence of

poverty. Both Godley and Peluso had long lists of local services they said were being neglected by Mayor Doré and the MCM.

Because Fainstat devoted a great deal of time to his role as chairperson of the city's executive committee, NDG was greatly under-represented on council, said Godley.

The by-election is expected to be a close race because of support in the district for dissident councillors. The DCM has already elected representatives from areas to the south and north of NDG. Also, part of the contested NDG riding was once represented by dissident MCM councillor and tenants' rights activist Arnold Bennett.

The MCM was expected to choose their candidate yesterday.

## Plan to split ASUS could go to vote

by Robin Le Baron

Arts and Science students might go to the polls this year to decide whether their undergraduate society will be split apart.

"The Arts and Science Undergraduate Society is just too big," said Trish Silliphant, Arts and Science Undergraduates' Society (ASUS) VP Internal. "The Society doesn't seem to be very focussed. Arts and Science students are often working at cross purposes."

Silliphant was one of a number of ASUS councillors elected on a "Split ASUS" slate last year. Some slate members are trying to organize a referendum to divide ASUS into separate Arts and Science societies.

Silliphant said that in the past ASUS hasn't functioned efficiently.

"There hasn't been much communication over the years," she commented.

ASUS currently has a complex structure made up of an Arts, Science and executive councils.

Some ASUS members have disagreed with the proposed split. "There's no interest in this issue," said ASUS arts rep Michael Levitt. "It's just another political ploy. A split won't do the average person in physiology any good."

Levitt cited lack of interest as ASUS' main problem. "We should be channelling a lot more money into departmental associations," he said. "Departmental associations are often very active, and get a lot of participation. ASUS would waste less money and there would be a lot more successful events."

Proposed new constitutions for

separate associations have already been presented at an Arts council meeting.

They will go before Science council in the next few weeks. Both councils must agree to let the question go to referendum.

According to ASUS president Shawn Kahn, the chance of a referendum might depend on "hammering out a financial deal that is acceptable to both sides." Dividing the revenue from the Arts cafeteria will be an important part of the negotiations, Kahn said.

Science students may also be concerned about representation after a split. ASUS currently represents about 5 500 Arts students and 2 500 Science students. Kahn noted that a split might diminish both Arts and Science students' lobbying power.



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## Dentistry ...

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Equally troubling the DSA is the Administration's statement that dentistry students cost the University \$1.5 million a year. According to Rougas, once the \$13 700 government allowance per science student is deducted, the Faculty's total cost works out to only \$650 000.

A small victory was felt by Dentistry students during the Terry Fox run on September 15. Hoping to raise public awareness about the faculty's closure, dentistry students represented 40 per cent of McGill participants, thus winning the McGill Golden Shoe Award. In presenting the award, Principal Johnson was convinced to sport a "Save Dentistry" t-shirt.

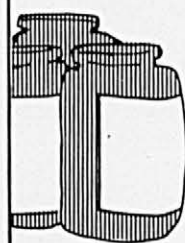
However, according to Rougas, any "support" from McGill's administration is somewhat suspicious. It seems odd to him that McGill should propose closing a faculty recognized as the best in Canada and third in North America. If anything, the Dentistry Faculty represents McGill's ideal of 'excellence,' said Rougas.

"Dentistry is increasingly adapting to a new role in the areas of aesthetics and care for the elderly. To predict a decline in the demand of dentists is outrightly wrong. In fact, a shortage of dentists is predicted by the year 2000," said Rougas.

The DSA would appreciate the support of students in their struggle against closure. A demonstration is planned for December 24th, 13h-15h, location unannounced. A half-day strike is also planned. Posters and buttons are available at the Strathcona Medical Building.

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